

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the Office Action of April 1, 2009. This Amendment is in full response thereto. Thus, Applicants respectfully request continued examination and allowance of the application.

The claims have been amended to address antecedent basis issues. No new matter has been introduced by these amendments. Claims 18-37 remain pending in this application.

Drawings:

The Examiner has objected to the drawings under 37 CFR § 1.83(a). The Examiner states that the figures only mention temperature probe 10 and fail to disclose the safety temperature probe and the product temperature probe. Applicants respectfully disagree.

As shown below in a copy of Figure 3, safety temperature probe 13 is located adjacent to first heated temperature probe 10. Please note that safety temperature probe 13 is also present in Figure 2.

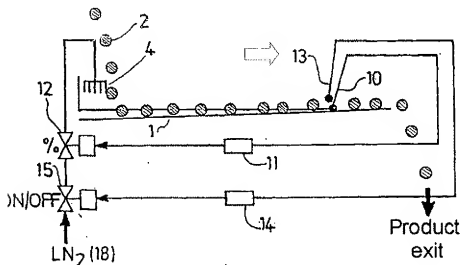


FIG. 3

Figure 4, copied on the next page, provides product temperature probe 20 near Product exit. Please note that product temperature probe 20 is also present in Figure 5.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, it is believed that the present application now stands in condition for allowance. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited. Should the examiner believe a telephone call would expedite the prosecution of the application, he/she is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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